

Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club



July 2025



Letter from the President

Hello Fellow Rockhounds

It's getting close! Our show is just a couple months away. Part of the preparation for the show involves cleaning and prepping the display cases. At the same time we will stage the items and supplies that will be loaded on the truck for the show. We are tackling this project on Sunday, July 13th at noon. The more volunteers that come to help, the sooner we will get the job done so I am asking everyone to lend a hand and help us with this important task.

Have you signed the list to volunteer at the show? Go to our website and follow the link to sign up. We are asking for at least two hours of your time. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and free admittance to the show for each day that they volunteer. This will be TGRC's 54th annual show. Please do your part to make this year's show the best ever.

The auction that was scheduled for June has been postponed to July. We will have it after the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 16th.

Have a safe Fourth and I will see you on the thirteenth!!

Diane Bieber
President

Birthstones

Modern: **Ruby**

Traditional: **Ruby**

Alternate: **Onyx**

Ancient Hebrew: **Onyx**

If you would like a detailed breakdown, you can check out the following site:

<https://www.gia.edu/birthstones>



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Workshops

Make Your First Pendant Class-

Saturday July 5 from 11 am to 3 pm. Students will learn how to cut metal, make a bezel and back plate, solder, polish and set a stone. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com at least a week before the above date. Class is limited to 4 students. Members pay \$45, non-members \$55. All materials provided to complete a small sterling silver pendant with a polished gemstone cabochon.

Make an Inlaid Ring Class -

Saturday July 12 (1 space available) or July 19 (1 space available) from noon to 3 pm. Participants will learn how to inlay crushed turquoise and metal shavings into a stainless steel ring. This involves using CA glue and crushed turquoise (courtesy of Diane Bieber). You will hand file the inlay till smooth and then sand/ grind to a high polish. To register, contact instructor Michelle Grigore at mgrigoretgrh@gmail.com and specify the date you will attend. Please provide ring size for several fingers and I'll try to match the closest purchased inlay ring band. Each class is limited to 5 students. Members pay \$30, non-members \$45. All materials are provided to complete a stainless steel and turquoise inlay band.

Mineral Collectors Class-

July 14th, 2025- Introduction to Rockhounding in the Field

This session will be a course on how to properly prepare for anything from beach combing to exploring abandoned quarries. The basics of rockhounding, including safety, prep work, and finding your own spots. All you need to bring is 2 dollars for each hour total of 4 dollars. Half goes to the club, and half goes to mineral collectors, so we can work on getting some equipment, applying for mining safety training, and updating our library.

Juniors -

Hello, Rocky readers!

Our junior's program is back in action. We had a fun first meeting creating individual specimen boxes.

Our next meeting is July 12th 2-3pm. We will be collaborating with our mineral member Max, and learning about different fossils as well, as, creating a few of our own. Join us for Fabulous Fossils this month.

A sneak peak at our August 9th meeting. We are going to continue in the Great Lakes region. Finding out what rocks and minerals are around us and working on hand polishing a petoskey stone. Can't wait to see you!



Attention All Moderators

Before leaving the craft center after your session, make sure that the thermostat is set for the appropriate temperature, all indoor lights are turned off, all doors are locked, the restroom door is locked and the key is on the hook, and the exterior door including the deadbolt is locked. It has been brought to my attention that occasionally some of these things have not been done properly. For everyone's safety and security you must review your checklist before leaving the premises.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT!!!!

Member: Stacy Flynn
Juniors Program



It's clear that kids and rocks go together, so Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club's (TGRC) Juniors Program is again ready to turn that fascination into a fun, lifetime activity. TGRC Member Stacy Flynn is launching this new program and is looking for Juniors age 5 to 17 to participate.

Stacy will host the Juniors Program on the second Saturday of each month at the TGRC Workshops. The July 14 session is from 2:00 - 3:00 PM. "I'd like this to be a family activity," explains Stacy. Parents with TGRC Family Memberships can bring their children to the Juniors session but then if they wish, work there on their own projects separately. That way everyone is participating and learning.

Stacy muses that she can't help herself. As a career teacher having worked with pre-kindergarten through graduation and most recently Special Education students, Stacy is well qualified. "When I start to do something, I want to teach it." As she recently found herself drawn toward rocks, gems and jewelry, Stacy's research led her to the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club. One of her first acts after joining was to organize and lead the Juniors Program for youths from ages 5 or 6 through high school. Stacy enthusiastically explains, "For me, it was a natural course of events." Safety is one of Stacy's primary goals so she plans to carefully teach the Juniors new skills with proper procedures so that risks will be avoided. "I've been a lifetime Girl Scout," so safety is second nature. With careful planning she says it's possible to let these young people try most of the TGRC activities. "We evaluate each child's developmental abilities, then adjust so they can stay safe and excel." She feels that by teaching the skills properly, young people will build their capabilities and become more independent, unlocking their own creativity.

Endorsing her philosophy that exploring is the best way to learn, Stacy is on her own rock and jewelry learning journey as well. Her gem crafter sessions with Sherm Kardatzke have already started her on stone cutting and polishing. She also wants to learn and teach stone identification, so is getting guidance from Max Kelso. In her view there's a deep well of knowledge, experience and advice in the club. "I enjoy sharing insights with other members!" For the Juniors Program's future - Stacy sees real potential in attracting students affiliated with Scout groups, home-schooled students, nature and earth-sciences clubs and other local youth groups. Stacy envisions eventually conducting Kid's Workshop Days so they can learn step-by-step progression of identifying rocks and fossils as well as making jewelry. As long as these young people are included in a TGRC Family membership, they are encouraged to participate. Check the TGRC Events Calendar or Rocky Reader for updates on scheduled sessions.

-Story by Jim Nowak



"Juniors photo from 2022"



"Gem Tree made by club member Sarah Speer"

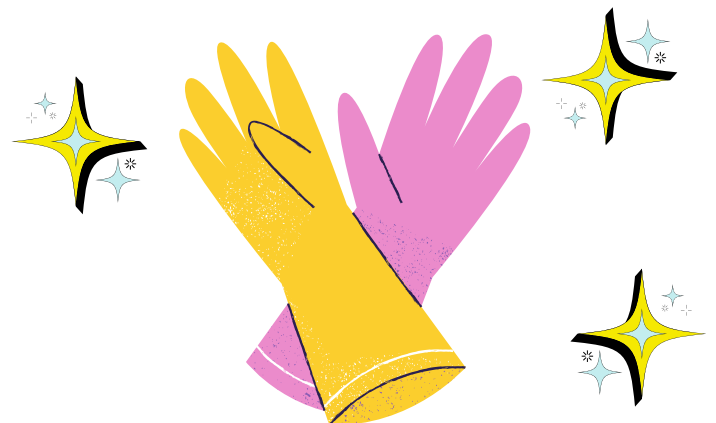
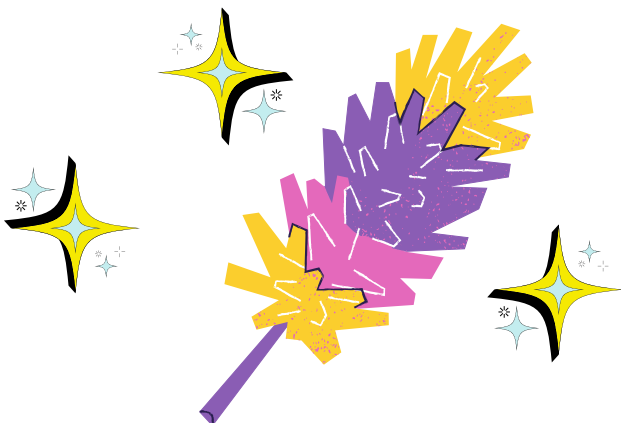
Here is a little update on what is happening in the club, We now have a Juniors program again thanks to our member Stacy! Im sure it will be a blast and the kids will have a ton of fun. Mentioned in a previous issue, Facetors got a new machine and now Gem Crafters is getting one too. We are fortunate to be able to get more machines, so that more members can use them! Metal crafter has weekend work sessions, come join the fun! We have been pretty busy and with the Open house now over it is time to start getting ready for our big show in September!

Sign up is now open for Treasures Unearthed- the big rock, gem and jewelry show in September.

You can find the link on the Facebook page or you can email me at trgcsowvolunteers@gmail.com

Sign up before July 31st and You get a nifty T-Shirt

We need your help on Sunday, July 13th starting at noon. We will be cleaning the display cases that will be used at the show. For those members that aren't familiar with this process, we will bring all the display cases that have been stored in the garage into the craft center. We will dust the cases and clean the glass. Supplies and necessary tools that are used at the show are also brought in from the garage and stored in the craft center for easy loading onto the truck in September. We will have the cleaning supplies, we need YOUR assistance.



Flint Rock and Gem Club Rock Swap- 07/12/2025

Start Date: 07/12/2025

End Date: 07/13/2025

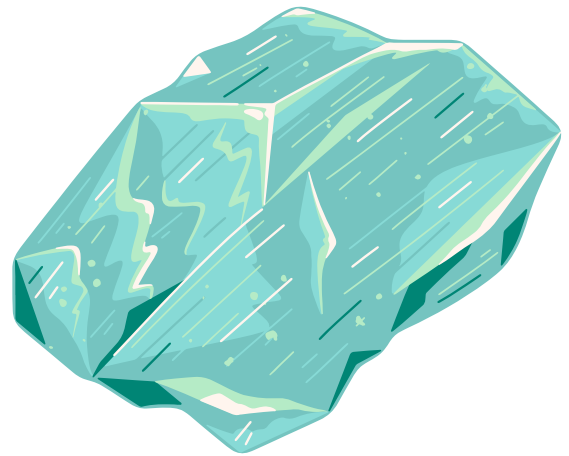
Hours: Sat 9:00 - 6:00 Sun 10:00 - 4:00

Venue: Mott Community College

Address: 4082 W. Vienna Road, Clio, MI

Website: <https://flintrockandgem.org/>

Types: Rock Swap



Swap It, Sell It, ROCK It! - 07/26/2025

Start Date: 07/26/2025

End Date: 07/26/2025

Venue: Fantasia Meeting Space

Address: 625 Erie St S

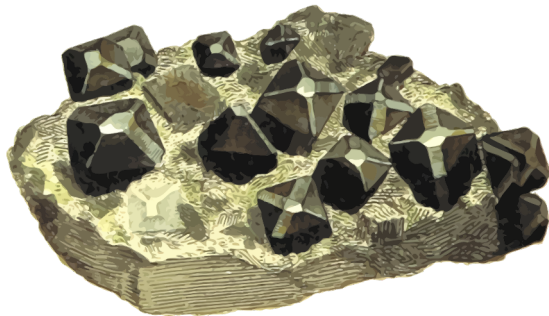
Fantasia Meeting Space

Massillon, OH 44646

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/9945056008906454/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows



Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club - 08/08/2025

Hours: Fri 1:00 - 8:00, Sat 10:00 - 6:00, Sun 10:00 - 3:00

Start Date: 08/08/2025

End Date: 08/10/2025

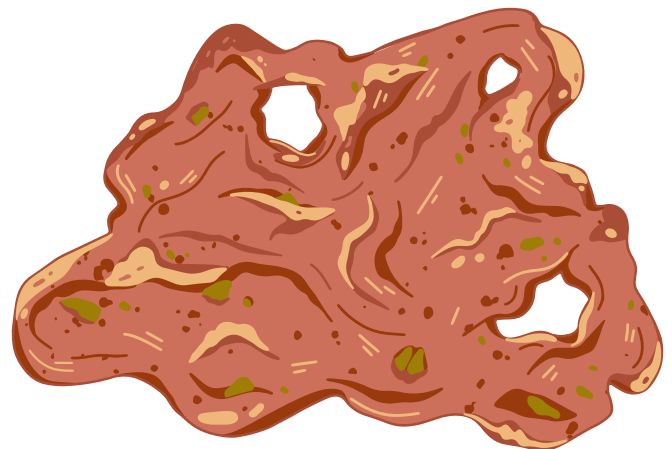
Venue: Houghton Elementary School

Address: 203 W.Jacker Ave

Haughton, MI, 49931

Website: <https://ccrmc.info/>

Types: Rock & Mineral Shows



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Gem Crafters

Extream Beaders
- Metal Crafters

Collection/I.D

Juniors

JULY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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AUGUST 2025

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